

ESG Funds Awarded by the City of Cambridge in FY 2003 & 2004

Shelter Inc.

The women's day drop-in provides daytime support and services to homeless women. It is primarily a safe-haven to help this vulnerable population off the streets. Services include:

- Crisis intervention
- One-on-one counseling
- Weekly visits from Health Care for the Homeless
- Lunch, Clothing & Showers
- Referrals for mental health, substance abuse, tertiary health care, job, training, legal services, and housing search

The FY2004 ESG funded operating costs including salaries for the program specialist, food and utilities.

ESG	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2003	FY 2004
Project	Women's Day Drop-In	Women's Day Drop-In	Shelter + Care	Shelter + Care
Amount	\$28,000	\$27,500	\$20,000	\$19,520

Matching Funds

Women's Day Drop-In: **\$29,008**

Shelter + Care: **\$26,776**

Shelter Inc.'s Shelter + Care program provides stabilization services to between 8 and 12 homeless people with disabilities. Furthermore it helps these individuals transition into their own homes and to successfully live on their own. The FY 2003 & '04 grants paid for part of the salary of the caseworker.

CASPAR

CASPAR provides their shelter at 240 Albany St, which is a 24-hour, warm, inviting shelter open to men and women in Cambridge who are ineligible for other shelter services because of their active substance abuse. The shelter has on-site primary health care four times a week. Though CASPAR had been providing shelter for up to 107 adults per night until FY 03, in FY 04 they have had to limit both the number of people who use the shelter at night to 75 (which has increased to 81 with winter overflow beds), and their day bed program to medically at-risk men and women during the day. The FY 2003 grant was for operating costs specifically food, maintenance, and utilities, and the 2004 grant was entirely for utilities.

ESG	FY 2003	FY 2004
Project	Wet Shelter	Wet shelter
Amount	\$17,500	\$17,050

Matching Funds

Wet Shelter: **\$43,867**

Hildebrand

The Hildebrand provides emergency shelter for 34 families, 14 of whom are sheltered in Cambridge. In the last project year, the shelter served an average of 45 homeless women and children a night. The 24-hour shelter on Bishop Allen Drive is in need of extensive, and continual renovations, and the FY 2003 ESG funds were used to make repairs to their house –specifically their large kitchen on 41-43 Columbia St, which as it was built in the first decade of the twentieth century, requires constant improvements. The FY 2004 funds were for additional renovations to their large kitchen specifically for new cabinets, and flooring.

ESG	FY 2003	FY 2004
Project	Family Shelter	Family Shelter
Amount	\$8,000	\$7,800

Matching Funds

Family Shelter: **\$8,000**

Transition House

In 1975, Transition house became the first battered women's shelter in the US, and since then it has sheltered over 5,000 women and children. Its mission is to provide refuge, supportive services, education and empowerment skills to enable battered women to achieve financial independence for themselves and their families. The FY 2003 grant was for operating costs that help the shelter function and specifically helped provide services to adolescents and the Haitian community. The FY 2004 grant was for again for basic operating costs and minor maintenance.

ESG	FY 2003	FY 2004
Project	Battered Women's Shelter	Battered Women's Shelter
Amount	\$9,000	\$8,500

Matching Funds

Battered Women's Shelter: **\$18,000**

On the Rise

On the Rise provides a safe haven for women with extended histories of homelessness. Their new day drop in shelter is located on Broadway. The FY 2002 grant helped defray the costs of their utilities and telephone bill. In FY 2003, the organization declined their award of \$4,650 as they did not want to obligate themselves to the HUD HMIS requirement, which they felt would compromise their ability to provide services to their target population. Their award was added to Bread & Jams' award. They did not apply for a grant in FY 2004.

ESG	FY 2001	FY 2002
Project	Safe Haven (ADA accessibility project)	Safe Haven
Amount	\$15,000	\$4,000

Matching Funds

N/A

Bread & Jams

Bread & Jams is a process oriented non-profit run by formerly homeless for the homeless. Those currently homeless are key stakeholders in the organization, and participate in the decision making process. Up until FY 2004, their ESG award funded the provision of a van service for the homeless individuals (approximately 70% of whom were men) who use their drop in service. The van service transported clients to shelters for the night in Boston and other locations. During the FY 2003 grant, the van service transported, on average, 14 homeless people a night and served 107 individuals over the year. In FY 2004, Bread & Jams was provided with funding for their day drop-in shelter. Over the most recent year, they served 226 homeless men and women.

ESG	FY 2003	FY 2004
Project	Van Service	Drop-In Shelter
Amount	\$15,000	\$14,650

Matching Funds

Van Service: **\$17,968**

Catholic Charities

The ESG helps to operate St. Patrick's Shelter, which in FY 2003 provided shelter to 274 individual homeless women. In FY 04, the shelter served marginally fewer women, 261. St Patrick's is the only dry emergency shelter for women in the area outside of Boston. While the '03 grant covered salaries to cover a 10 hour per week gap in staff coverage to enable the shelter to daytime shelter services, the FY 04 grant was used for utilities.

ESG	FY 2003	FY 2004
Project	St. Patrick's Women's Shelter	St. Patrick's Women's Shelter
Amount	\$6,132	\$5,630

Matching Funds

St. Patrick's Women's Shelter: **\$33,682**

Phillips Brooks House

Harvard University volunteers run both St James' Summer Shelter, which is located in St. James' Episcopal Church in Porter Square, and Harvard Square Homeless Shelter in the University Lutheran Church. While St James' operates at night only through the summer months, and provides dinner and breakfast, Harvard Square Homeless Shelter operates at night the from the Fall through the Spring. The FY 2003 grant for the Homeless Shelter covered part of a security guard's salary, and for the Summer Shelter, it covered more general operating costs. Phillips Brooks house did not apply in FY 2004.

ESG	FY 2002	FY 2003
Project	St. James' Summer Shelter	St. James' Summer Shelter
Amount	\$2,518	\$3,000
ESG	FY 2001	FY 2003
Project	Harvard Square Homeless Shelter (renovations)	Harvard Square Homeless Shelter
Amount	\$3,000	\$3,000

Matching Funds

Saint James' Summer Shelter: **\$12,286**

Harvard Square Shelter: **\$4,000**

Bread & Jams/Interfaith Action Accessibility Project

This was a collaboration between Bread & Jams and Interfaith Action to build a ramp making the basement of Old Cambridge Baptist Church accessible to homeless clients of a number of agencies including Bread & Jams, Solutions at Work, and Spare Change. By the end of FY 2002, while the ramp had been partially completed, it was still not completely accessible due to continued construction. It was finished by the 2nd quarter of FY 2003. This was a one-off project and we do not envisage funding it again.

ESG	FY 2002
Project	Bread & Jams/Interfaith Action Accessibility Project
Amount	\$5,000

Matching Funds

N/A

First Church

First Church's shelter opened to the homeless in 1987, and since then has not undergone any major renovations until this year, when the entire 17,000 square feet of the shelter was upgraded. Importantly this work enabled the shelter to expand from 14 to 17 beds. The FY 2002 ESG grant was awarded to First Church for new bunks and lockers. We do not envision First Church applying for future ESG RFPs because of their unwillingness to comply with HMIS.

ESG	FY 2000	FY 2002
Project	First Church Shelter	First Church Shelter
Amount	\$7,500	\$8,500

Matching Funds

N/A

Cambridge Cares About AIDS (CCAA)

Youth on Fire is CCAA's drop-in shelter for run away, homeless youth. This program was developed as a response to an increasing number of homeless youth in Cambridge with HIV due to practicing high-risk behaviors associated with living on the streets. It is the only shelter in Cambridge catering exclusively to youth. The FY 2003 & 04 grants paid for rent at the drop-in. Over 240 youth were served in 2003, and 262 were served during the last grant cycle.

ESG	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Project	Youth on Fire (renovations)	Youth on Fire (Rent)	Youth on Fire (Rent)
Amount	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$7,500

Matching Funds

Youth On Fire: **\$20,000**

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army operates a shelter open year round for up to 940 homeless from the Cambridge area. This grant for utilities enables the shelter to be a more inviting place for clients as reading lights and importantly the heat could be left on during the day in the winter. During the most recent grant period, 835 homeless men benefited from staying at the shelter.

ESG	FY 2003	FY 2004
Project	Shelter for men	Shelter for men
Amount	\$7,000	\$6,800

Matching Funds

Shelter for Men: **\$11,000**

HomeStart

This marked the second year the City has funded HomeStart's Rental Assistance Program through the ESG grant. Both the FY 2003 and 04 funding enabled HomeStart to provide rental assistance to 11 different homeless men and women each year. While, the grant largely helped women move into permanent housing by providing additional funds to these clients for moving, security deposits and rent, the 04 grant helped more men.

ESG	FY 2003	FY 2004
Project	Rental Assistance Program	Rental Assistance Program
Amount	\$5,000	\$4,800

Matching Funds

Housing Placement Service: **\$5,000**

YWCA of Cambridge

In FY 2004, the Cambridge YWCA received for the first time in recent memory ESG funding. This funding was used for utilities for its Residence and Family Shelter for homeless women and female-headed single parent families.

ESG	FY 2004
Project	Residence/Family Shelter
Amount	\$7,300

Matching Funds

Residence / Family Shelter: **\$7,300**